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A two-day Scientific Conference of Army Medical Officers, held in the Central Officer's Club of the People's Army, was opened by Major-General Karoly Janza, a deputy Minister of National Defense and was attended by the following:

> Lt. General Istvan Szabó, also a deputy Minister of National Defense - representing General Mihaly Farkas

Anna Ratko - Minister of Health

Frigyes Doleschall - a deputy Minister of Health, a specialist in internal diseases.

Istvan Rusznyak - President of the Academy of Sciences

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Pál Gégesi Kis - Dean of the University of Medical Sciences of Budapest

Dr. Denes Felkai - no other information

and several prominent Hungarian physicians, Kossuth prizewinners, and University professors.

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- 3. On April 17, 1952, a 'Sandor Kerányi' Medical Rover meeting, organized by the Academy of Sciences was opened by Istvan Rusznvák in the presence of Anna Ratko, about 500 doctors and the Soviet Professor Germanov. The meeting was welcomed by Béla Issekutz head of the Department of Medical Sciences in the Academy of Science. who pointed out that this was the first meeting to deal with the acceleration of cicatrisation. The first report was made by Imre Törö, Professor of Hysterology and Evolution at the Lorand Eotvös University and a Kossuth prizewinner who dealt with the biological symptoms of the treatment of wounds.
- 4. Lt. Colonel György Szántő of the Medical Service, pointed out that the development of Hungarian knowledge about the speeding up of cicatrisation was due to Soviet influence.
- 5. Dr. Pal Gambri, a University Professor, who spoke on the second day of the meeting, subsequently wrote an article, emphasizing that one of the most important subjects discussed, had been the 'much neglected territory of traumatology' and pointing out to the 100 odd young research workers (who had been helped to attend the meeting by the Party and the Government) that the fight could not be carried out merely by voicing Pavlov's dialectical slogans, an error into which many of the doctors who spoke at the meeting had faller, but by the sound scientific work.

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Comment: Paragraph 5 illustrates the hidden struggle between some men of science and the medical policy of the Communist Party.